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The U.S. Department of Defense is showing University of Dayton sophomore civil engineering major Meghann Wygonik it pays to be SMART.

The department awarded Wygonik a SMART scholarship - Science, Math and Research for Transformation - that will provide funding for full tuition, a \$1,000 book allowance, other education-related fees, paid summer internships, health insurance and a job after graduation.

Wygonik, who graduated from Kiski Area High School near Pittsburgh, said she is excited to return home for her internship and post-graduation employment with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District.

Fewer than 10 percent of applicants received SMART scholarships in 2010. Winners must work in civilian roles full-time for the Department of Defense after graduation for at least the same duration as they held a SMART scholarship in college.

She is the University's sixth SMART scholar. All of them have come in the past four years.

The University of Dayton ranks 25th among all colleges and universities nationally for all sponsored engineering research and development.

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